



**1<sup>st</sup> May 2020**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't quite believe that I am writing to you as we come to the end of week four of remote learning. May would have seen year 10 preparing for their mock week at the start of June and really immersing themselves into the exam period but their learning is taking a different approach at the moment; one that I am sure will be encouraging resilience and organisation.

It wouldn't have been right to allow a week to go by without checking out year 10s performance on MathsWatch and they have had their second best week yet with 853 assignment questions being completed!

I would also like to take this opportunity to recognise the brilliant work that Leo Hiscock (10C) has been doing during lockdown. Leo set himself the challenge to run 2 miles every day for 26 days in order to raise money for the NHS; this is no easy feat and we congratulate him and are so proud of his efforts.

In terms of remote learning, we recognise that using ShowMyHomework to monitor and track work being set is a challenge in itself before even looking at the tasks. I would recommend that if your child has the phone application that they turn on notifications as this will alert them to new tasks set which will hopefully allow them to track their work more easily. It may also then be useful to add these tasks to a separate to-do list when they appear as, having looked at the application this week, this may be easier to work with.

Speaking of challenges, I thought I'd give you an update on my German... Mrs Gelder decided to email me in German this week and it turns out I really have forgotten more than I thought! It threw me off for a little but I am determined to get back into it over the weekend.

As of next week, we will be releasing a whole school weekly newsletter so that you can receive updates about the activities going on across the whole school. Therefore, this will be the last weekly bulletin that you receive from me for the foreseeable future but I have thoroughly enjoyed writing to you every week and celebrating the success of year 10.

Nevertheless, if you have any questions, require any support or further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at [ehorne@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:ehorne@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk)

Best wishes,  
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